

HEARD BRACKETT.

[ To accompany bill H. R. No. 288. ]

JANUARY 19, 1832.

Mr. BURGESS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Heard Brackett, report:*

That the petitioner, Heard Brackett, of the town of Acton, county of York, in the State of Maine, enlisted in the service of the United States as a private soldier, in the month of May, 1813, for the term of one year; that he enlisted in the company of Captain W. Sweat, in the town of Livermore, and marched from thence to Plattsburgh in the month of August, in the company commanded by Captain Dugly, 34th regiment, U. S. Infantry: from thence he marched into Canada; that he formed part of the advanced guard stationed in the Cedar swamp, Chataguay woods, Canada. That during the month of December, he was exposed in storms of snow and rain, with no other covering or protection than his blanket: that while he was in this situation he was taken sick with the inflammatory rheumatism, which disqualified him from service, and he was sent to the hospital. The complaint continued until his health was completely destroyed, his bodily strength prostrated, and, by the dislocation of many of his joints, he was rendered a complete cripple; that he had a certificate from the surgeon and a regular discharge, but during his sickness they have been lost.

These facts are corroborated by the attested certificates of Samuel Drew, the sergeant under whom he served, Paymaster Godwin, Timothy Downs, a private who served with him, of Col. Lane of 33d regiment, and also of the certificates of Whiting Stevens, Reuben Buck and Jonathan S. Calef, practising physicians and surgeons. The committee think him entitled to a pension from 1st January, 1830, and present a bill accordingly.

